

## FOR FUSION ON A PARTY MAN

## THE REPUBLICAN CLUBS HUNDRED ORGANIZES.

Will Recommend That a Committee of Conference With Other Anti-Tammany Bodies Be Appointed—Expect to Raise a Fund of at Least \$100,000.

The committee of one hundred appointed by President Robert C. Morris of the Republican Club to manage the club's campaign in the coming Mayoralty election held its first meeting last night and after organizing came out flatly for a fusion movement against Tammany. The meeting was private. Mr. Morris, Charles S. Shengood, Peter Zucker, Howard Conkling and others who spoke on the outlook for the Republicans next November urged that the first duty of the campaign committee was to begin a movement for solidifying all the elements opposed to Tammany.

It was urged that with such a combination there was every chance of electing a fusion ticket, as Tammany would be on the defensive and would have to shoulder the responsibility for whatever shortcomings their opponents charged against the present Administration. There were fifty-five members of the committee present and all of them favored the fusion idea. Finally Mr. Shengood proposed that at the next monthly meeting of the club the committee recommend the adoption of a resolution authorizing President Morris to name a special committee of five to confer with other bodies inimical to Tammany Hall with a view to concerted action in fighting Tammany. This resolution was unanimously adopted.

But while all the speakers supported the fusion suggestion they were also agreed that the head of the municipal ticket must be a straight out Republican. "The sentiment of the meeting," said Perley Morse, who was elected chairman of the committee, "was that the candidate for Mayor, if we entered into a combination with other organizations, would have to be a regular Republican and would have to be a man with red blood in his veins and one who would know how to make a vigorous campaign."

Mr. Morse said that there were no names of possible candidates mentioned. The first work of the committee will be to arrange for a campaign fund. They expect to raise at least \$100,000.

James G. Cannon was made treasurer and John Patterson secretary. The following sub-committees were also elected: Finance—Louis Stern, A. D. Juillard, Arthur L. Merriam, Samuel W. Bowne and H. L. Horton.

Literature—Paul R. Towne, Lindsay Russell, Myer Nussbaum, Henry W. Taft and Edward Hendrick. Speakers and Musicians—Henry W. Goddard, Henry Clay Pierce, George T. Wilson, Leo Oppenheimer and Henry D. Estabrook. Law—William A. Keener, A. S. Gilbert, Peter Zucker, Howard Conkling and A. L. M. Bullock.

While President Herbert Parsons of the New York Republican county committee and Timothy L. Woodruff, head of the Kings county organization Republicans, are personally and socially friendly there is a stout rivalry between them as to who shall control the Republican city convention. Both concede that it is to be a tight squeeze, with the Parsonsites admitting last night that if the Woodruffites can hold together their forces in Brooklyn, Richmond and Queens they will have some seventeen majority in the convention on a representation based upon the last vote for Governor.

The Parsonsites declared, however, that before city convention day rolls around they will have disintegrated the Woodruff faction and that Parsons will control the convention by seven majority and name the candidate for Mayor.

At present the Parsons candidate is Representative William S. Bennett and the Woodruff candidate is William Berri of Brooklyn.

William R. Hearst, head of the Independence leaguers, should he decide to join hands with the Republicans will it be insisted upon the nomination of Clarence J. Shearn for District Attorney.

There was a report last night to the effect that the Democrats in all five boroughs and Mr. Hearst's Independence Leaguers could get together provided Mr. Shearn was nominated for one of the Supreme Court vacancies by the Democratic judiciary convention of New York county. This was emphatically denied by friends of both Charles F. Murphy and Mr. Hearst.

There is trouble brewing for Comptroller Metz either as a candidate for Mayor or for a re-nomination. The opposition is headed by the regular Democrats down around Bath Beach, Bensonhurst and Fort Hamilton, who have made it known to Senator McCarran that they will fight Mr. Metz's nomination for anything because of the Comptroller's stand on the Fourth avenue subway.

## REJECTED MEAT.

Several Tons for Blackwell's Island Returned to the Contractor.

Comptroller Metz said yesterday that in the last three weeks his inspectors had condemned several thousand pounds of meat supplied to Bellevue Hospital. He refused to give the names of the firms supplying the meat.

Dr. Wilford H. Smith, superintendent of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, last night said that no complaints had been received this year against the meat supplied to the hospital and that none of the meat so far as he knew had been rejected or condemned.

Several tons of meat which was intended for the use of the city institution on Blackwell's Island was rejected in January last, according to Commissioner Hebbard of the Department of Charities. The department keeps a meat inspector on the dock at the foot of East Twenty-sixth street and another on the island. These inspectors look over all the meat submitted by the contractor and what does not come up to the specifications is rejected and is replaced. Soon after the contract for the present year was let, Commissioner Hebbard said last night, a large quantity of this meat was found to be below the requirements and was rejected.

## ASSAULT WITH AN UMBRELLA.

Dr. Meeker, Saying He Was So Attacked, Swears to Felony Charge.

Frederick S. Rook, a member of the Stock Exchange firm of W. B. Houghtaling & Co., who has a summer home at Bayport, L. I., was arrested in front of Sherry's restaurant at Forty-fourth street and Fifth avenue last night charged by Dr. H. D. Meeker of 106 West Seventy-second street with striking him in the face with his umbrella. Mr. Rook was locked up in the East Fifty-first street station charged with felonious assault.

He was in the station house for more than two hours before he got bail. Eugene Garner, manager of Delmonico's, got him out on a bond signed by Magistrate Corrigan at the Democratic Club.

Mr. Rook and two men friends were on their way to supper at Sherry's. They crossed Fifth avenue from the east side at Forty-sixth street. Just as they reached the west curb Dr. Meeker came along in his auto with his wife.

According to Mr. Rook's version of the affair Dr. Meeker drove so close to the broker and his friends that he grazed Mr. Rook's coat. Mr. Rook then turned and remonstrated with the doctor, who got a policeman and had him arrested for assault.

Dr. Meeker said in the police station that he was driving very slowly at the time and that when he came near the three men Mr. Rook turned and said: "I'll teach you to run down people," struck him across the forehead with an umbrella. Dr. Meeker then drove ahead of the three men and found Policeman Henshler just in front of Sherry's.

Dr. Meeker pointed out Mr. Rook and had him arrested. Mr. Rook didn't like the idea of going to the station house on foot and went with the policeman in a cab, with the doctor following in his auto. When the desk lieutenant heard what all the trouble was about from Dr. Meeker he told the doctor that if he pressed his complaint it would have to be felonious assault because a weapon was used.

Dr. Meeker insisted on making his complaint, and Mr. Rook was sent to a police cell while his friends went in search of a Magistrate and bail, as it takes a Magistrate's signature on a bail bond in a case of felonious assault. The arrest occurred at 10 o'clock, and it was not until after midnight that Magistrate Corrigan was found.

When he came out of the station house Mr. Rook said:

"I didn't strike the man at all. He stopped suddenly when he nearly ran me down that his own hat blew in his face. I raised my umbrella, but I did not strike him."

The case will be heard by Magistrate Corrigan in the Yorkville court this morning.

## GOV. DRAPER, AUTO SPEEDER.

Say State Executive Caught in Police Trap at Wellesley.

BOSTON, May 18.—Gov. Draper and his chauffeur while on their way to Boston this afternoon in a touring car were held up by the police of Wellesley as they were speeding through Lower Hills Square. Two patrolmen were at each end of an automobile trap when the Governor's machine passed through.

The patrolmen shouted to the driver to stop. The driver applied the brake and slowed down. One officer said: "You were running your machine twenty-five miles an hour. What are your names?"

The man in the tonneau replied: "My name is Eben S. Draper of Boston."

"I am sorry I had to hold you up," replied the policeman.

"Oh, that's all right," replied the Governor. "If I'm a lawbreaker I'm just as guilty as any one else, even if I am Governor."

The patrolmen took the names and informed them that they would be summoned to court next week.

## CHAS. E. BARBER HURT IN AUTO.

Drove in Front of a Train While Trying to Avoid Hitting a Man.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., May 18.—Charles E. Barber of New York city, whose summer home is at Warwick, Orange county, was seriously injured in an automobile accident at Warwick this morning.

Mr. Barber started out of the village at 10 o'clock this morning. As he approached a grade crossing on the Lehigh and Hudson Railroad a pedestrian started to cross the road and he was compelled to come almost to a stop. He did not notice a train approaching at high speed and was directly on the track when the locomotive struck his machine.

The automobile was smashed and Mr. Barber was thrown forty-five feet through the air. His head struck the end of a railroad tie and his body narrowly escaped going under the wheels of the train. The train was stopped, and the unconscious man was picked up by the crew and with the assistance of others who had witnessed the accident was carried to his home in the village. Physicians found that his skull was fractured and that there was little chance for his recovery.

Mr. Barber has been an enthusiastic automobilist for years. He was in the first automobile endurance contest in this country. He is deeply interested in the flying problem and intended to experiment with an aeroplane this summer.

## WOMEN HELD AT ELLIS ISLAND.

Must Explain Mere Satisfaction Their Errand Here.

Miss Nathalie Gabler and her sister, Ximie Gabler, well dressed women about 25 years old, passengers in the second cabin of the North German Lloyd steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, were detained at Ellis Island yesterday. When Immigration Inspector William Rook detained them passengers in both first and second class offered assistance. One man gave the women the card of his lawyer and told them that he was at their service if needed. The women said that they had come to this country from Russia on a sightseeing visit. They had \$200 each and said that they had not intended to remain in the country more than a month. They were dressmakers by trade and were taking a rest. The Inspector Rook thought the women ought to have more definite plans.

A board of inquiry at Ellis Island was held to-day to decide whether or not they are fit subjects for deportation.

## M'CARREN'S PARTY FOES LOSE

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE PLAN IS ADOPTED.

Democratic Harmony Movement Results in Leader Keeping His Place, With Men to Advise Him—Gallery Play, Opponent Calls It—Vote 247 to 62.

The movement started early in January to put an end to the factional strife extending over five years in the Democratic organization in Brooklyn culminated last night in the adoption by the county committee of a report submitted by Messrs. Wogan, Murphy and Heisterberg, the majority of the so-called harmony committee, and the rejection of that offered by Messrs. Farrell and Byrnes, the minority members, representing the element in the party opposed to the leadership of Senator McCarran.

The outcome of the fight in the county committee over the two reports showed that the factional lines remain the same apparently as determined at the last primaries, except in the case of the Second Assembly district, the delegates from which voted last night on McCarran's side, although the district was carried by his opponents at the primaries. The delegates from the other anti-McCarran Assembly districts—the Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, and Fortieth—voted against the majority report, with the exception of the delegates from the Twenty-third, so that so far as these four districts are concerned the harmony project seems to have failed.

The report adopted differed in only a few minor points from that published a week ago, and these simply modified the powers of the provisional committee of twenty-one which is to supervise the next primaries and act as an advisory body until the next campaign is wound up. The members of the committee are Augustus Van Wyck, Edward M. Shepard, Gen. G. W. Wingate, Moses Harris, John W. Weber, Rufus L. Scott, Henry A. Meyer, Arthur Salmon, Harrington Putnam, ex-Mayor David A. Boody, Augustus Healy, Alden S. Swan, Charles J. Edwards, George V. Brown, Bernard Gallagher, J. Sheridan Davis, John F. Clarke, R. W. Bainbridge and William Batterman.

Mr. Elsey of the Twenty-third district said that the powers granted to the provisional committee were highly undemocratic and the whole scheme of harmony proposed a hollow mockery. Instead of bringing harmony, he said, it would only mean a thorough reorganization of the party and create a political "dead sea" in Brooklyn.

Senator McCarran was greeted with loud and prolonged cheers when he arose. "We are about to engage," he said, "in a great municipal contest, and how can acceptable candidates be selected except by united action? Whoever opposes the plans for such action opposes the interests of the Borough of Brooklyn. I am willing to submit my leadership to the approval or disapproval of the voters of Kings county and am willing in the event of their disapproval to follow the leadership of the man preferred to me. [Applause.] I don't believe the voters have any trouble in getting rid of any leaders they don't want. They will certainly have no trouble in getting rid of me if I am rejected at the primary next a slap at the 'free lances' in politics who think they have the right to dicker with outside organizations."

"As to handing all our power," he continued, "to a provisional committee, there is no intention whatever to give away any of our legal rights. We propose to consult this committee and to be guided by its advice. I am ready to trust the members of this committee. I am absolutely willing to give to them whatever power we can, and I am sure it will not be abused."

Mr. Byrnes jumped up after Senator McCarran had finished and said: "This gallery play don't get votes on election day."

The report of the harmony committee was rejected by a vote of 247 to 62. The provisional committee of twenty-one, which now virtually takes control of the affairs of the Democratic organization in Brooklyn, will meet for organization in a few days, and former Justice Augustus Van Wyck, who was one of its most active and prominent workers twenty-five years ago, will probably be chosen chairman. It was confidently predicted last night by some of the district leaders that before the municipal campaign started Justice Van Wyck and his associates will bring the four district leaders who are still in revolt into the harmony camp, but there will be no clash at the primaries, and that Brooklyn will send a solid delegation to the city convention.

## CANNON ENLISTED FOR LIFE.

Never Expects to Retire—Doesn't Know When Tariff Bill Will Be Passed.

WINCHESTER, Va., May 18.—Speaker Cannon and a party of Congressmen arrived to-day in a touring car. After spending a day at Natural Bridge they will return and be entertained by the people of Winchester.

Other members of the party were Congressman W. W. Wiley of New York, J. W. Dwight, New York; E. N. Roberts, Massachusetts; and H. C. Loudenslager, New Jersey.

"I guess I'll stay in the game until I die," said Mr. Cannon when asked if he had any intention of retiring from politics. "My constituency is very kind to me, and as long as they continue to want me I'll be on the job. I cannot bear the idea of giving up and loafing around while the other fellows are at work having fun. I'll stay until I die and then be buried at public expense."

In reply to a question, Mr. Cannon said: "I have no idea when we will get through with the tariff bill. The House passed the bill in three weeks, but the Senate—ah! there's the rub. Bailey wants a vote on the bill, but with Dilliver and others shooting around there's no telling what will happen."

Mr. Cannon's party was found his watch and \$100 in money. On the desk was a letter, presumably written but a short time before his death, addressed to Kelsuke Fujika, 112 Broadway, Bloomfield, a Japanese student, enclosing \$50, which the letter said was from Fujika's father on account of his allowance. There were several sheets of paper on the desk filled with writing of an incoherent sort which the police took to indicate that the writer had been under mental strain.

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## BRITISH ARMY A SHAM.

Fit Neither for Attack Nor Defence, Says Roberts—Peers Back Him Up.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, May 18.—"Our army is a sham! We have no army!" exclaimed Field Marshal Earl Roberts earnestly during a debate in the House of Lords to-day upon the Duke of Bedford's motion for an inquiry into the condition of the reserve. Earl Roberts, an expert in favor of compulsory military training, declared that he was amazed at the manner in which both houses of Parliament treated the army as a party question and at the apathy of the nation regarding military defence. The nation, he said, did not believe in the danger of invasion, and no wonder, for their leaders told them there was no fear of it. He went on:

"I know perfectly well that the leaders in both houses are anxious about the future, but they do not tell the country that we have neither an army to send abroad nor a defence of the country at home. While we are sitting here, taking it easily and comfortably, the danger is coming nearer and nearer to us daily and unless you cease telling the people they are living in safety and get an army fit to deal with any enemy we shall one day come to such utter grief that you will bitterly regret your inaction."

"It is a perfect marvel to me how anybody can see what is going on around us in Europe and be content with the conditions of our army. No country in the world is so ill equipped with the untrained men we have got. You will never have a real army until you have taken the nation into your confidence and told them their danger. You may think you are safe, but you are not. Be frank and tell the nation what is before them. They will respond."

Earl Roberts's admissions were addressed to the Government representatives. The Peers showed their approval by carrying the Duke of Bedford's motion against the Government by a vote of 73 to 22.

## LIVE WIRE FIRES A TRAIN.

Passengers Escape in Spark Shower at Far Rockaway—Cars Badly Burned.

A Long Island Railroad train bound for Far Rockaway to Long Island City came into contact with a live trolley wire at Far Rockaway yesterday afternoon and was set afire. Two hundred passengers scrambled out amid a shower of electric sparks. None was hurt.

The train left Far Rockaway at 4:32 in charge of Dan Kelly, engineer, and Otto Eastman, conductor. The Long Island Railroad operates a trolley service from Far Rockaway to Rockaway Beach by way of Arverne, and the steam cars use the same tracks. Near Carlton avenue Kelly saw a trolley feed wire hanging down and he ordered the train to stop.

The wire came in contact with the engine, however, and a circuit was formed.

Kelly got most of the first shock and landed in the roadway beside the locomotive. A flame ran along the tender to the first three cars. They were wooden cars, while the two last cars were made of steel. A gas pipe on the top of the cars was burst open when the current hit it, and at once the gas caught fire. The fire ran to the tanks underneath the cars and the train was soon in a blaze.

A block away from the scene of the accident is Engine Company 1668 and Lieut. Boyle ordered his men out. No water could be turned on until the electric current was shut off, but Boyle tried to get the live wire away from the train. In doing so he was badly shocked. After several minutes' wait the current was turned off and the firemen then turned the water into their hose and soon had the fire out.

The passengers were all off the train a few minutes after the fire started, although some of them had to be carried off, as they refused to stir while the electric sparks were showering about. The train was badly damaged and was run to a side track while a new train was made up to take the passengers to Jamaica, where they could transfer for Long Island City and Brooklyn.

## FELL 13 STORIES TO DEATH.

Long Had Been Suffering From Acute Melancholia for Some Time.

Ervin G. Long, New York agent of the Union Spring Manufacturing Company, with an office on the thirteenth floor of the Hudson Terminal Building at 50 Church street, recently jumped or fell from a window of his office last night. He was found dead on the sidewalk. His home was at 80 Highland avenue, Glen Ridge, N. J.

Two clerks working in the office of the Erie Railroad on the second floor of the building about 8:15 last night, heard something striking a glass covering over an awning on the Fulton street side of the building. From the window they saw a man's body lying on the glass shield. The superintendent of the building got Policeman McGinnis of the Church street station and the body was taken into the railroad office.

A commutation ticket in the name of Long was found in a pocket. Albert Schafer, one of the clerks, remembered that there was a man named Long who had an office on the thirteenth floor. Going to that office the door was found unlocked. Long had been in the office for some time when he fell—and a window was open.

A description was given over the telephone to Mrs. Long, who identified it as that of her husband. She said he had been ill and under a doctor's care for some time. The physician, Dr. Harry Wallace of Bloomfield, said Long had been afflicted with acute melancholia.

The Longs had three children. He was a member of the Christ Episcopal Church in Glen Ridge.

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## PLAN FOR AN INCOME TAX

ALDRICH WOULD WAIT UNTIL NEW TARIFF IS IN FORCE.

Meanwhile Instructing Senate Committee to Prepare a Bill in Case It Is Needed to Raise Revenue—Insurgents and Democrats Agree on Amendment.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Senator Aldrich has under consideration an income tax proposition that is understood to be acceptable to a majority of the Republicans. Senator Aldrich's plan is to be presented in the form of a resolution directing the Judiciary Committee of the Senate to investigate the subject with a view to preparing a bill that will avoid the objections raised by the United States Supreme Court against the Wilson-Gorman income tax law.

The Judiciary Committee is to be directed to make its report to the Senate next December, and if at that time the new tariff law has not proved that it will yield sufficient revenue to meet the expenditures of the Government the income tax bill will be taken up by Congress.

The income tax resolution is to be presented as a substitute for the Bailey-Cummins amendment now being prepared. It is understood that Senator Aldrich's proposition has been discussed with President Taft, and its sponsors understand that it meets his approval.

The Democratic Senators and the progressive Republicans have reached a tentative agreement as to the form of an income tax amendment. Senator Bailey of Texas, author of an amendment imposing a tax of 8 per cent. on incomes of \$5,000 and over; Senator Cummins of Iowa, author of an amendment imposing a graduated tax on incomes of \$4,000 and over and exempting the incomes from corporations, and Senator Borah of Idaho, who made one of the strongest speeches in favor of an income tax, have got together and agreed on the general form of an amendment which in the main follows the outlines of Senator Bailey's proposition.

Senator Cummins is at work on a modification of Mr. Bailey's proposal which is intended to exempt shareholders in corporations from paying a double tax on the incomes from their holdings in such corporations. Senator Cummins explained when he made his speech in defense of his income tax amendment that his purpose in exempting corporations was to prevent imposing a double tax on incomes from corporate shares. Under the terms of the agreement he abandoned his idea of a graduated tax and his proposal to exempt incomes from corporations generally and will be content if he can amend the Bailey proposition so as to permit holders of shares of corporate stock which have already been assessed to plead an exemption from the tax of so much of their incomes as is derived from such holdings of stock.

The Senators who were willing to discuss the agreement to-day were confident that there would be no difficulty in framing the proposal on lines that would be satisfactory to all believers in an income tax. They were not so hopeful, however, of passing it. Mr. Bailey feels confident that it will come before the Senate and will carry the support of the Democratic side, but others who are conversant with the situation believe that from one to four Senators on that side may vote against it. On the Republican side the votes for the income tax amendment will be furnished by the so-called progressive Republicans. It is not certain that all of these will support it. It will probably be one of the closest votes recorded on any proposed amendment to the tariff bill.

## HENRY PAID BY SPRECKELS.

San Francisco Graft Prosecutor Under Salary for Three Years.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—In the trial of Patrick Calhoun to-day Rudolph Spreckels on the witness stand admitted that he had been paying a regular monthly salary to Francis J. Heney, the leader of graft prosecution in San Francisco.

Spreckels on cross-examination said he had paid between \$500 and \$600 a month regularly to Heney for three years.

Spreckels also said that Abe Reuf had made an offer that if Spreckels would get up a syndicate to bid on proposed city bonds he would call a strike on the United Railroad so that nobody else would bid on the bonds.

## WOMEN UNFITTED TO VOTE

Because They Are Not Men, Says Cromer—Curzon Sees British's Mistake.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, May 18.—Addressing the league to oppose woman suffrage Lord Cromer, president of the league, contended to-day that the cause of woman suffrage was declining. The whole argument against enfranchising women, he said, could practically be summed up by saying they were unfitted to vote because they were not men.

James Harford said the female sex was not naturally fitted to be placed on an equality with man.

Lord Curzon said he regarded the woman suffrage movement as the most important subject in contemporary politics. The enfranchisement of women, he added, would endanger the safety of the empire.

The day 20,000,000 male and female voters are added to the register by the adoption of the system of adult suffrage, said he, "you may put up the shutters of the British Empire and write 'Jobahod over the gates of Whitehall.'"

## \$20,000 FIRE IN A CELLAR.

Clothing's Place Was Under Cismark's Control Where 25 Girls Were Employed.

Fire in the cellar of a six-story building at the northwest corner of Third avenue and 17th street about 7 o'clock last night damaged the winter stock of Bernheim & Co., clothing dealers, who occupy the first floor and store their winter stock in the cellar, to the extent of \$20,000. Three alarms were sent in. The firemen kept the flames in the cellar, and a dozen clerks were in the store getting ready to go home when the fire was discovered. The bookkeeper left without closing the safe. Three doors above the clothing store are occupied by a cigar manufacturer, and 200 girls were at work at the time. The firemen got them to the street without trouble.

Harris Sedark, who lives at 200 East 127th street, ran up stairs to see if his sister, a cigarmaker, was out of the building and was overcome on the third floor. He was carried to the street by Deputy Chief Lawlor.

## SUFFRAGETTES TO CONGRESS.

Will Offer Petition of a Million Names for Woman Suffrage Amendment.

PITTSBURGH, May 18.—Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery of Philadelphia in Pittsburgh to-night gave out a statement that there will be presented to the next Congress at its opening in December a petition bearing 1,000,000 names urging a sixteenth amendment to the Constitution, one giving women the right to vote.

## RUTH BRYAN IN POLITICS.

She Arranges for a Jane Jefferson Club to Uplift the Democracy.

DENVER, May 18.—Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt, daughter of William J. Bryan, has arranged for a convention here in July of all the Jane Jefferson clubs in the State, at which an address by Mrs. Leavitt, the president, on the upbuilding of the Democratic party from the feminine standpoint will be the feature.

The Jane Jeffersons are putting forth every effort to make the coming of Mrs. Leavitt next July a notable event. Prominent people from all over the United States will be invited.

Besides other political lights to be invited will come the Governors of Wyoming, Idaho and Utah and their wives, the three States being those in which women vote.

## WILL NOT MARRY SCOTT.

Geraldine Farrar Makes Emphatic Denial of Engagement.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PARIS, May 18.—Miss Geraldine Farrar emphatically denies that she is engaged to marry Signor Scotti, the Metropolitan Opera House baritone.

## MRS. TAFT RECOVERING.

Expects to Be Quite Herself by To-day and Receive at a Tea on Friday.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Mrs. Taft, who suffered a temporary collapse last night after a strenuous day which included a slight operation on the throat of her youngest son, is nearly recovered and expects to be quite herself to-morrow. She has kept entirely quiet and expects to be able to receive her guests at the tea on Friday.

## FIVE LITTLE HERZOGS

Came Across the Atlantic Together Consigned to Their Parents.

Frank Herzog of 2223 Pitkin avenue, Brooklyn, employed in one of the city departments, called at the Barge Office last night for what is said to be one of the largest consignments of small children ever sent across the Atlantic without a chaperon. Herzog said that his five children, respectively 5, 7, 9, 10 and 12 years old, had arrived on the Princess Alice from Bremen, consigned by a grandmother to their parents near Herzog was told to come around early to-day.

## MAKE POPocatePETIL WORK.

Mexican Organizing Company to Utilize the Great Volcano's Fires.

MEXICO CITY, May 18.—Panfilo Garza Garcia is at the head of a company to harness Popocatepetl, the great volcano near Mexico city, and furnish all the power for the national capital.

He proposes sinking two wells into the side of the volcano until he reaches the boiling point in the earth. Then with nitroglycerine exploded at the bottom he proposes to make an opening between the two. He would then run cold water down one well, and he says steam would come up out of the other. He would harness this to an engine and the job would be done.

He has succeeded in raising several thousand dollars.

## PRETTY WELL AT 86

And Says He Never Ordered Portraits From the "International Society of Art."

Henry Dexter, founder of the American News Company, who celebrated his 86th birthday last March, was a witness in the City Court yesterday in a suit brought against him by the International Society of Art of 353 Fifth avenue. The action is to recover \$500 for portrait of himself and his son, Orlando P. Dexter, who was murdered in 1903 on his father's estate near Dexter Lake in the Adirondacks and for the arrest of whose assassins there is still a reward of \$10,000 offered.

Mr. Dexter declared that he had never ordered the pictures and had never ordered the arrest of the assassins. He said he was concerned to make a copy of the portrait of himself and his son and was much surprised when they handed him a bill for \$250 each.

"Is your